

February 13, 2002

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Ex Parte Presentation in WT Docket No. 01-184

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to inform you that Barry Bishop, Steve Cory, Tom McGarry, Kimberly Miller, Amy Putnam, and the undersigned, all of NeuStar, Inc., met with Jared Carlson, Patrick Forster, and Jennifer Salhus of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Diane Griffin and Cheryl Callahan of the Common Carrier Bureau to discuss issues relating to the *Verizon Wireless Petition Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160 for Partial Forbearance from the Commercial Mobile Radio Services Number Portability Obligation* in the above-referenced docket. We focused our discussion on concerns raised in the record regarding the ability and readiness of NeuStar, as the administrator of the National Portability Administration Center (NPAC) to implement wireless local number portability (WLNP) and National Thousands Block Number Pooling simultaneously.

Specifically, in response to questions from the staff in attendance, we described NeuStar's investments made and steps taken to ensure timely and smooth implementation of wireless number portability. This included a discussion of the testing schedule for Release 3.1 as well as the national deployment schedule for NPAC Release 3.1 (see attachment). We described the new features of the release, which will greatly reduce the number of message notifications transmitted between the porting carriers and the NPAC by treating a thousands block of phone numbers as a single transaction instead of one thousand individual transactions.

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In addition, we discussed current transaction volumes processed by the NPAC for wireline local number portability and identified certain of the steps taken in the successful implementation of wireline local number portability. NeuStar encouraged the Commission to consider putting in place a deployment or roll out schedule for portability, including a requirement for progress reports, so that NeuStar would be able to determine which carriers were planning to interact directly with the NPAC to implement wireless number portability. It is NeuStar's belief that an official rollout and testing schedule would help to ensure efficient implementation of the Commission's requirements.

In addition to questions regarding NeuStar's readiness to implement wireless number portability, representatives of the national Pooling Administrator (PA) provided an update on work undertaken with the wireless industry to implement wireless number pooling. Specifically, the PA provided an update on the status on the implementation of national pooling, including the native block pooling initiative. Noting that native block pooling is simply an interim mechanism, the PA expects that it can help to relieve pressure on the industry by permitting carriers to take significant preparatory steps well in advance of actual live pooling in November. Finally, in response to staff inquiries, we discussed the impact on pooling if some carriers are unable to complete MIN/MDN separation by the November 24 deadline.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, one electronic copy of this letter is being submitted via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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NPAC Release 3.1 General Availability Schedule

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| Northeast | 2/18/02 |
| Western | 3/18/02 |
| Southwest | 4/08/02 |
| West Coast | 4/22/02 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 5/06/02 |
| Southeast | 5/20/02 |
| Midwest | 6/10/02 |

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